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E.O. 12065: XGDS-4 3/12/99 (DION, JERROLD MARK) OR-M
TAGS: SHUM, AR, PA
SUBJECT: INVESTIGATIONS POLICE DETAIN PARAGUAYAN RESIDENT
IN ARGENTINA

1. ENTIRE TEXT)
2. INVESTIGATIONS POLICE DETAINED ANIBAL IBARRA, PARAGUAYAN NATIONAL WHO HAS BEEN RESIDENT IN ARGENTINA MORE THAN 25 YEARS, UPON ARRIVAL AT ASUNCION AIRPORT MARCH 6. PARAGUAYAN BUSINESSMAN, US CITIZEN ANIBAL FADLALLAH (STRICTLY PROTECT), WHO HAS CONNECTIONS WITH AMERICAN FIRMS, HAS PROVIDED DETAILS ON IBARRA'S DETENTION AND HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO INTERVENE ON HIS BEHALF.
3. ACCORDING TO FADLALLAH, THE AUTHORITIES DETAINED IBARRA BECAUSE HE HAD CARRIED TWO LETTERS FROM BUENOS AIRES TO ASUNCION FOR A LAWYER FRIEND NAMED CARIAGA, ALSO RESIDENT IN BUENOS AIRES. THE LETTERS REFERRED TO POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE FEBRERISTA PARTY AS WELL AS THE DISAPPEARANCE OF CARIAGA'S WIFE IN ARGENTINA. CARIAGA'S WIFE WAS ONE OF THE 18 PERSONS WHO DISAPPEARED IN BUENOS AIRES IN THE FRENCH NUNS' INCIDENT MORE THAN A YEAR AGO. APPARENTLY ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES HAD TIPPED OFF PARAGUAYAN OFFICIALS TO LOOK FOR THE LETTERS.
4. THE PARAGUAYAN POLICE ARE DETAINING IBARRA WITHOUT CHARGES ALTHOUGH IBARRA EXPECTS TO BE FREED SHORTLY, FADLALLAH BELIEVES IBARRA IS BEING OVER-OPTIMISTIC AND FEARS HIS FRIEND MAY BE HELD INDEFINITELY UNTIL HE BUYS HIS WAY OUT OR THE POLICE DISPOSE OF HIM. WE TOLD FADLALLAH THAT AN INFORMAL APPROACH BY THE EMBASSY MIGHT BE MADE TO PARAGUAYAN OFFICIALS BUT THAT AN OFFICIAL APPROACH COULD NOT BE MADE AT THIS TIME.

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
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